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TITLE OF INVENTION: DRILL STRING ELEMENT HAVING AT LEAST ONE BEARING ZONE, A DRILL STRING, AND A TOOL JOINT

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